

COMMISSION

COMMISSION DECISION

of 5 December 1997

modifying Decision 96/304/EC of 22 April 1996 establishing ecological criteria for the award of the Community eco-label to bed linen and T-shirts

(Text with EEA relevance)

(97/864/EC)

THE COMMISSION OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITIES,

Having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Community,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EEC) No 880/92 of 23 March 1992 on a Community eco-label award scheme⁽¹⁾, and in particular the second subparagraph of Article 5 (1) thereof,

Whereas the first subparagraph of Article 5 (1) of Regulation (EEC) No 880/92 provides that the conditions for the award of the Community eco-label shall be defined by product group;

Whereas Commission Decision 96/304/EC of 22 April 1996 establishing ecological criteria for the award of the Community eco-label to bed linen and T-shirts⁽²⁾ needs to be modified in order to clarify the meaning of the terms '100 % cotton' and 'blends of cotton and polyester';

Whereas in accordance with Article 6 of Regulation (EEC) No 880/92 the Commission has consulted the principal interest groups within a consultation forum;

Whereas the measures set out in this Decision are in accordance with the opinion of the Committee set up pursuant to Article 7 of Regulation (EEC) No 880/92,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

In Article 1 of Decision 96/304/EC the second paragraph shall be deleted and replaced by the following text:

'In all cases, the fibre materials for the final fabric must be 100 % cotton or blends of cotton and polyester. Up to 5 % of natural or synthetic elastic fibres may be allowed if justified on technical grounds.'

Article 2

This Decision is addressed to the Member States.

Done at Brussels, 5 December 1997.

For the Commission

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⁽¹⁾ OJ L 99, 11. 4. 1992, p. 1.

⁽²⁾ OJ L 116, 11. 5. 1996, p. 30.